

I am writing to express my grave concern over the decision by Sinclair Broadcasting to air an anti-Kerry "documentary" days before the election, and to force its stations to show it. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. This one-sided film, timed as it is to effect the election, is against the public interest. Perhaps if they showed, immediately before or after, the pro-Kerry documentary, "Going up River," there would be a reasonable balance.

If Sinclair proceeds as planned, its actions will show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.